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Washington, DC - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence was interviewed on FOXNEWS' America's Newsroom this morning regarding the budget, National Public Radio and Planned Parenthood:

On Senate Democrats' Budget Rhetoric

"I think Senator Harry Reid's comments show just how out of touch Senate Democrats are with the priorities of the American people. The American people know that the federal government is going broke and for Harry Reid to not only defend the Cowboy Poetry Festival, but to say that finding \$61 billion in savings in this fiscal year is somehow reckless and irresponsible, it shows that liberals here in Washington have a fundamental disconnect with what the overwhelming majority of people in this country know: we've got to start making the right choices right now to put our fiscal house in order and House Republicans are ready to make that fight."

On House Republicans' Next Move: "It's Time to Pick a Fight"

"Let me stipulate, Martha, the \$61 billion, which gets us to a number of \$100 billion off the president's budget from the last go-around, that's really just a down payment. Republicans are just really keeping our word that we'd find those savings in this fiscal year and we also kept our

word to defund ObamaCare, we also saw a bipartisan majority vote to defund Planned Parenthood. What I just told my colleagues at a House Republican Conference is, 'It's time to pick a fight.' The American people know this is just a down payment. This is just a start. We have to win in this small battle if we're going to win in the big battles that lie ahead on debt ceiling, on budget, and on fundamental government reform."

On Defunding NPR and Planned Parenthood

"Well I just think it's appalling and my hat's off to the journalists that were able to collect that information. The very idea that you have someone with NPR's Foundation sitting down with people that say that they are associated with the Muslim Brotherhood, then saying all kinds of spurious things against Americans, conservative Americans, even Jewish Americans, I think is deeply offensive. I think it's right that the CEO stepped down.

"It would be more right, though, if we seized this time of a fiscal crisis to say it's time to end public funding for NPR, it's time to end public funding for Planned Parenthood of America, these organizations that have a particular viewpoint, that advance a particular liberal viewpoint, ought to do what every other policy organization in this town does and that is raise their own resources to advance their own agenda.

"The Corporation for Public Broadcasting gets a reasonably small percentage of its revenue from taxpayers. They get an awful lot in the form of corporate grants. This is not about getting rid of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. It's saying, 'In a time where we have a \$14 trillion national debt and we're running a \$1.65 trillion deficit, now is the time to ask these organizations like Planned Parenthood and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, 'Come on, you've got to stand on your own. Particularly when your biases are this clear and in the open.'"